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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is pleased to present “The Stakeholder Brief,” a quarterly update of important upcoming activities, actions and accomplishments from CDPH. Updates include information about meetings, presentations, media announcements and solicitations for input or services. To receive this update or to unsubscribe from the list, visit the CDPH [Subscribe page](#). For questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at CDPHpress@cdph.ca.gov. Thank you.

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Stakeholder Meetings

California Conference of Local Health Officers

- **October 5 - 7, 2016**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) will hold its [Semi-Annual Meeting](#) in Claremont (Los Angeles County). This three-day meeting, “Public Health & Behavioral Health Intersections,” includes a CCLHO business meeting and a continuing medical education program. For more information, visit the [CCLHO Web page](#).
- **December 1, 2016**, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board of Directors will meet in Sacramento. For more information, visit the [CDPH CCLHO Web page](#).

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **October - December 2016**, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will convene host agencies to plan for the May 2017 Childhood Obesity Conference in San Diego. Host agencies include CDPH, the California Department of Education, the University of California, Berkeley, the California Endowment and Kaiser Permanente. This year’s conference theme, “Good Health for All: Addressing Equity Where We Live, Learn, Work, and Play,” invites conference participants to discuss health equity and work together to

create equitable outcomes so all children can attain their highest level of physical and mental health. For more information, visit the [Conference website](#).

- **October 2016 (date and location to be determined)**, the Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (Delta MERP) will hold a quarterly stakeholders meeting (location to be determined). The Delta MERP is a collaborative project of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch. The Delta MERP's goal is to raise awareness about fish contamination in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and reduce exposure to mercury and other chemicals from eating fish. During the stakeholders meeting local community-based organizations and local agencies can provide input on Delta MERP activities. For more information, visit the [Delta MERP website](#).
- **November 3, 2016**, the Biomonitoring California's Scientific Guidance Panel will meet at the CDPH State Public Health Laboratory in Richmond. Biomonitoring California is a joint statutory program of CDPH, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and is responsible for measuring toxic chemicals in Californians, tracking exposure trends over time, and helping assess the effectiveness of existing public health and environmental programs in reducing exposures to toxic chemicals. For more information including agenda, visit the [Biomonitoring website](#).
- **November 18, 2016**, the CDPH California Breathing Program will hold a meeting of the Asthma Learning Collaborative (ALC) partners (the California School-Based Health Alliance, Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health and school-based health centers from West Oakland Middle School, Madison Academy Health Center, Altura Health Centers, Fremont High School Health Center, Carson High School Health Center, and Rice Elementary School Health Center). The ALC is working to provide comprehensive care for students with asthma in the six schools served by the participating school-based health centers in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. The meeting will focus on spirometry, inhaled-corticosteroid administration and data collection. For more information, visit the [California Breathing website](#).
- **December 6, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling will host its quarterly Advisory Group meeting. The group functions as a forum for state agencies involved in regulating California's gambling industry, legislative representatives, educators, individuals in the recovery community and other key stakeholders. Specifically, the group offers guidance related to the OPG Strategic Plan. OPG will provide updates related to problem gambling prevention and treatment programs. The meeting will be held in Sacramento at the East End Complex and it is open to the public. For more information, visit [OPG's website](#).
- **December 15 - 16, 2016**, the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) will meet in Southern California. On December 15, the CDPH, California Tobacco Control Program; the California Department of Education, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program; and the University of California Office of the President's Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program will provide program updates to TEROc based on the 2015-2017 TEROc Master Plan objectives. On December 16, TEROc will conduct a strategic planning session for the development of the 2018-2020 TEROc Master Plan for

the implementation of future tobacco control activities in California. For more information, visit the [TEROC website](#).

Center for Environmental Health

- **October 5, 2016**, the CDPH Radiologic Health Branch will hold its biannual Radiologic Technology Certification Committee (RTCC) public meeting in Sacramento. The RTCC assists, advises, and makes recommendations for the establishment of regulations necessary to ensure the proper administration and enforcement of the Radiologic Technology Act in accordance with California Health and Safety Code sections 114855 through 114865. RTCC members are appointed by the CDPH director. Membership is composed of six physicians and surgeons, two individuals representing the field of radiologic technology, one radiological physicist, one podiatrist and one chiropractic practitioner. For more information, visit the [CDPH RTCC website](#).

Center for Family Health

- **October 13, 2016**, the [California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\) Advisory Council](#) will meet in Sacramento. Staff from the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will provide a state update at the meeting. These council meetings provide a forum for the SIDS community to use education and encouragement to alleviate the tragedies surrounding SIDS. The California SIDS Advisory Council is a nine-member state-appointed council established in 1989 to advise CDPH of the most current issues and information related to SIDS. For more information, visit the [CDPH SIDS website](#).
- **October 14, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will host the [Annual SIDS Conference](#) at 1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. The agenda will include discussion of current SIDS research, infant safe-sleep, SIDS risk-reduction updates and tips on SIDS home visits. The conference is part of the CDPH/MCAH ongoing efforts to educate parents, families, child care providers, public health professionals, and emergency first responders about SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with SIDS experts, hear perspectives from SIDS-affected parents, and talk with SIDS coordinators and public health professionals. For more information, visit the [CDPH SIDS website](#).
- **October 19 - 20, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program will co-host the Statewide WIC and MCAH directors meeting in Sacramento. The first day of the meeting will focus on providing technical assistance, fostering collaborations and networking among WIC and MCAH state and local staff, and providing state perspectives on issues affecting California's MCAH and WIC populations. Topics include shared MCAH and WIC Program priorities and Let's Get Healthy California. For more information, visit [CalWIC website](#).
- **October 25, 2016**, Dr. Kristen Rogers, chief, CDPH California Home Visiting Program, is one of six team members from California government agencies who will attend the [National BUILD Initiative](#) meeting in San Diego. The BUILD Initiative focuses on assisting states to build systems that support early childhood development. For more information, visit the [Build Initiative website](#).

- **November 2 - 3, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will host the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) statewide meeting at Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. The purpose of this meeting is to provide training and technical assistance to the local perinatal services coordinators, and create networking opportunities. The agenda will focus on building quality in CPSP by network analysis, maternal mental health, immunizations, challenges with unintended pregnancies, effects of trauma and violence on women of reproductive age, and self-care for health care providers. For more information, visit the [CPSP website](#).
- **November 3, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) State Interagency Team Home Visiting (SIT-HV) Workgroup will hold its quarterly meeting in Sacramento. The workgroup strives to improve home visiting through interagency collaboration. The focus of this meeting will be on the California Community Services and Development network, which is dedicated to helping low-income families achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. Additional opportunities for collaboration will also be identified. For more information, visit the [CHVP web page](#).
- **December 1, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division will participate in the Preconception Health Council of California (PHCC) quarterly meeting in Sacramento. PHCC is a statewide forum for health planning and development that was initiated by CDPH, and is convened and funded by March of Dimes California Chapter. The strategic focus of the PHCC for the three-year period of 2015-2018 is reducing unintended pregnancy in California with a focus on improving health equity. For more information, visit the [PHCC website](#).

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **October 6, 2016**, the CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC) will hold a DCDC Rounds webinar on West Nile virus in Los Angeles County. Participation from local communicable disease controllers and public health nurses is expected.
- **October 10 - 12, 2016**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch staff will participate in the annual meeting of the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers (CACDC) in Northern California. Current issues on communicable diseases, including control and prevention, will be discussed among local and state public health partners. For more information, visit [CACDC website](#).
- **October 11 - 13, 2016**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) will convene the California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Universal City. OA staff representing HIV Care, AIDS Drug Assistance Program, HIV Prevention and the Surveillance, Research and Evaluation branches will provide updates on OA activities and California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention and Care Plan, and the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need. For more information, visit [OA's website](#).
- **October 13 - 14, 2016**, the CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch, in collaboration with the California Emerging Infections Program, will host this year's West Coast Epidemiologists' meeting in Sacramento. Epidemiologists from Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, and from California local health departments will meet to present and discuss

current diseases (mostly infectious diseases), and control and prevention issues affecting the western states.

- **October 17, 2016**, the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch staff will participate and present at the fall meeting of the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association (CTCA) at the California Endowment Conference Center in Oakland. CDPH and CTCA members from throughout the state will review and discuss disease trends in tuberculosis control and prevention, and review progress in tuberculosis elimination efforts. For more information, visit [CTCA's website](#).
- **October 26, 2016**, the CDPH Vector-Borne Disease Section staff will participate in the quarterly meeting of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MVCAC) in Seaside. Staff will present an update on key vector-borne disease activities in California, emphasizing Zika preparedness and response. For more information, visit [MVCAC website](#).
- **November 4, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health will hold its biannual Advisory Group Meeting in San Diego. The Advisory Group is composed of 12 members, representing the California Conference of Local Health Officers, local governments, health plans, hospitals, community-based organizations, health consumers and universities in California's urban and rural communities. The Advisory Group's purpose is to support the OBBH mission by developing and monitoring a strategic plan for OBBH to address border/binational health issues. The group also advises CDPH the California members of the U.S. – Mexico Border Health Commission on critical health issues. For more information, visit the [Advisory Group website](#).
- **November 9, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, in coordination with the Border Health Commission and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, is holding its Border Health Consortium of the Californias (BHCC) Binational Meeting in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to foster communication among professionals working in the border region, and promote the collaboration and coordination of public health projects. This meeting will include representation from U.S.-Mexico Binational public, private and academic entities. For more information, visit the [BHCC website](#).
- **December 2016 (dates to be determined)**, the CDPH Office of Refugee Health, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Bureau, will hold quarterly regional stakeholder meetings in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and Alameda. The goal is to promote community engagement and improve self-sufficiency, adjustment and integration for newly arriving refugees by sharing information on refugee processing and arrivals, health concerns, available funding and resources, and other timely issues affecting refugee placement.

Emergency Preparedness Office

- **October 19, 2016**, CDPH will host a California Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) on Public Health Emergency Preparedness meeting in Sacramento. The JAC advises CDPH on setting statewide preparedness strategies for public health and medical care during disasters. Such strategies strengthen coordination within the Public Health and Medical System during unusual events and emergencies that have public health or medical impact.

Members who comprise the JAC are subject-matter experts and representatives from local, regional, state and federal levels, and local health departments, health care providers, first responders, hospitals and non-governmental organizations. These partners bring expertise to coordinate and develop public health and medical preparedness efforts and strategies on the local, state and national level.

Laboratory Field Services

- **October 17, 2016**, the CDPH Laboratory Field Services (LFS) staff will give a presentation to the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors (CAPHLD) regarding the streamlining of LFS' processes for public health microbiologist (PHM) applications. LFS will also discuss CDPH's plans to use its Richmond Campus Laboratory to train PHMs. CAPHLD's is made up of members of the various local public health departments in California. The meeting is limited to CAPHLD members or invited guests. For more information, visit the [CAPHLD website](#).
- **November 16, 2016**, the CDPH Laboratory Field Services (LFS) staff will attend the Healthcare Laboratory Workforce Initiative's (HLWI) annual meeting in Sacramento. HLWI was originally formed by hospitals in California to find solutions to the shortage of clinical laboratory personnel. HLWI is made up of various hospitals and hospital and clinical laboratory testing-personnel professional associations whose goal is to increase the clinical laboratory workforce through outreach, advocating for changes to regulations/laws, and improving and increasing training and education sites and programs.
- **December 2, 2016**, the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee (CLTAC) will hold its quarterly meeting in Richmond and Los Angeles with a videoconference link. The agenda with information about teleconference access to the meeting will be posted by November 18 on [CLTAC's website](#). Minutes from previous meetings are also available on the website.

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Trainings & Conferences

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

- **October 1, 2016**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch staff will roll out a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 training schedule for the California Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) on behalf of the California Department of Social Services and in collaboration with state agencies that receive SNAP-Ed funds: University of California, CalFresh, California Department of Aging and Catholic Charities of California. In addition to providing an extensive array of statewide trainings to support advancement of SNAP-Ed work of local implementing agencies (LIA), the FFY 2017 training schedule will feature new online training modules and statewide training projects. These statewide training projects include holding SNAP-Ed Promising Practice Exchanges statewide, developing a Peer Exchange Program, and providing regional training and technical assistance to LIA Integrated Work Plan workgroup members, and LIA administrators or implementers involved in advancing SNAP-Ed work through single or multi-county coalitions. For more information, visit the [SNAP-Ed training website](#).

- **October 17 - 19, 2016**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) staff will participate at the 25th Annual Child Care Food Program (CCFP) Conference in Rancho Mirage. This year's conference will highlight how evidence and practice-based efforts from the past and present will inform strategies for the future of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. NEOPB staff will present on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Prevention First activities, including early care and education, and school-based nutrition education and physical activity promotion efforts. For more information, visit the [CCFP website](#).
- **Late October 2016**, the Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (Delta MERP) will hold grantee training in West Sacramento. The Delta MERP is a collaborative project of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch. Delta MERP's goal is to raise awareness about fish contamination in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and to reduce exposure to mercury and other chemicals from eating fish. Delta MERP staff will train Yolo County Children's Alliance's parenting class instructors on how to integrate the program's key messages about reducing mercury exposure from contaminated fish into their classes. For more information, visit the [Delta MERP website](#).
- **October 2016**, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Older Adult Falls Prevention Program will sponsor Stepping On leader training, hosted by the University of California, San Diego's Center for Integrative Medicine. Stepping On is an evidence-based program proven to reduce falls and build confidence in older adults. The three-day training will provide local health department staff with the skills required to conduct classes in their communities. For more information, visit the [Older Adults Falls Prevention Program website](#).
- **October 2016**, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will convene a webinar for Caltrans Active Transportation Program non-infrastructure awardees, Safe Routes to School practitioners and other interested parties in California. The webinar will showcase diverse, local examples of bicycle and pedestrian safety curriculum implementation in the school setting, as well as highlight key resources to support successful Safe Routes to School programs throughout California. For more information, visit the [California Active Transportation Resource Center website](#).
- **October and December 2016 (dates to be determined)**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch's California Breathing program will facilitate two professional development webinars for clinicians who focus on asthma. The webinars will be hosted by California Asthma Partners, a statewide collaborative of stakeholders who work closely with California Breathing, the state's asthma program. Webinars include Exercise Induced Bronchospasm & Asthma, and How to Use Asthma Action Plans to Guide Patient Self-management. For more information, visit [California Breathing's website](#).
- **October 27, 2016**, the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) will conduct the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services (CalGETS) Phase II Training in Oakland. This training is for authorized CalGETS providers and consists of a five-hour classroom session featuring advanced topics for the treatment of gambling disorders. Participants will not be

charged a registration fee and will receive five continuing education units. Advanced registration is required. To register or learn more, visit [OPG's website](#).

- **October 27 - 29, 2016**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch's (EHIB) California Breathing program staff will attend and exhibit at the Vision y Compromiso 2016 Annual Meeting in Ontario. Over 500 promotores/community health workers will attend. At the event, EHIB staff will promote its forthcoming Asthma Management Institute (AMI), a professional development course for those who provide in-home asthma self-management education and support. AMI focuses on the educational needs of community health workers and promotores, and is presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, visit the [event website](#).
- **October 23 - 29, 2016**, in observance of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, the CDPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB) will issue program-specific messages via social media. The preventive health message being delivered in California is, "Is your child at risk for lead poisoning? Check for lead in and around your home." CLPPB will disseminate a media kit to local lead prevention programs, which provides a variety of tools, including sample public service announcements and news releases, which can help raise awareness about childhood lead poisoning and the importance of prevention. For more information, visit the [Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch website](#).
- **October 28, 2016**, the CDPH Chronic Disease Control Branch, in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA) will host the Healthy Hearts California (HHC) Symposium at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento. The symposium is a forum for stakeholders dedicated to reducing the risk and prevalence of heart disease and stroke to coordinate efforts and identify opportunities to combine resources towards shared goals while considering the multiple determinants of community health. Symposium objectives are to highlight best practices, strategies and resources to reduce the risk and prevalence of heart disease and stroke, and to foster collaboration by allowing alliance members to recognize HHC achievements and inform further development of activities. For more information, visit the [HHC Symposium website](#).
- **October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch's California Breathing program will facilitate Asthma Education for the Community Health Worker, a curricula for lay health educators and clinicians that provide asthma in-home visits/interventions. The curriculum, developed by the Association of Asthma Educators, is led by a certified asthma-educator and community health worker/promotor. The course consists of five, two-hour modules that will be taught in English and Spanish in Southern California, primarily in Los Angeles. For more info, visit the [California Breathing's website](#).
- **October 2016**, the CDPH Environmental Health Investigation Branch's Site Assessment Section staff is developing an educational outreach tool on Indoor Air Quality. Staff began collaborating with teachers, parents and administrators at Caliber Beta Academy, a charter school in Richmond. Two lesson plans and associated activities were developed (K – 5th grades and 6th – 8th grades) and will be piloted during the month of October. The outreach activities include information for parents, an evaluation of behavioral change and a revision of the modules for future use in other California communities.

- **October 29 - November 2, 2016**, CDPH staff from the Site Assessment Section (SAS) of the Environmental Health Investigations Branch will attend the [American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting and Expo](#) in Denver, CO. Dr. Gabriele Windgasse, section chief, will chair a session on "Engineered Nanomaterials and Public Health and Danny Kwon, health assessor, will provide an oral presentation on "Rapid Needs Assessment of a Community's Environmental Health Concerns " and display a poster presentation on "Citizen Science in California: What does it look like?"
- **November 10, 2016**, the CDPH Chronic Disease Control Branch will host "Health Transformation and the Impact of Team-Based Medication Management." This is part two of a three-part webinar series. The featured presenter, Dr. Brian Isetts, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy will discuss the transformation of fee-for-service to value-based purchasing and team-based medication management's role in the "triple aim" objectives to increase patient quality health outcomes and reduce patient morbidity/mortality, hospital admissions/readmissions, emergency room visits and calls to local emergency medical services. For more information, contact robert.thurman@cdph.ca.gov.
- **November 14 - 15, 2016**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will host the Project Directors' Meeting (PDM) in Sacramento. The PDM is held annually for the local health department California Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) grantees and will focus on strategic direction that concentrates planning efforts to effect and sustain momentum toward community change. The project directors will receive training, technical assistance, administrative updates and recognition for outstanding work. They will also engage in networking activities and celebrate the 20th anniversary of SNAP-Ed in California. For more information, visit the [PDM website](#).
- **November 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch will cosponsor, with the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), a convening in Newport Beach that will focus on opioid safety and prevention. CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith will discuss data trends, marketing and consumer outreach, the role of prescribing in the addiction epidemic, and how to encourage conversations with patients and community members. Attendees will include members of the 17 local coalitions from 24 California counties, local health department personnel, local law enforcement, substance-use disorder specialists, alcohol and drug specialists, and community members. For more information, visit the [CHCF website](#).
- **November 2016**, the CDPH Safe and Active Communities Branch's Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program will collaborate with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to host a two-day training for RPE-funded contractors in Sacramento. Thirty-three rape crisis centers will participate and network to strengthen their capacity to develop, implement and evaluate evidence-informed sexual violence primary prevention strategies, such as youth leadership development in school-based settings to promote healthy relationships. For more information, visit the [RPE Program website](#).
- **December 15, 2016**, the CDPH Chronic Disease Control Branch will host the final webinar of a three-part series, "Part III, Medication Management as a Value Based-Model and Implementation Steps to Guide Community Coordination." The featured presenter, Dr. Steven Chen, associate professor and chair, University of Southern California School of

Pharmacy, will discuss research and national literature contributing to medication management best-practices, and pharmacists' coordination with community health teams. For more information, contact [Robert Thurman](#).

Center for Environmental Health

- **October 10 - 11 and 26 - 27, 2016**, the CDPH Food and Drug Branch's (FDB) Food Industry Education and Training Unit will host food-safety trainings in Sacramento (October 10 - 11) and Eureka (October 26 - 27) for registered food processors. Topics include proper manufacturing practices, allergen controls, food recalls and labeling. Food processors can register for these free trainings on the [FDB website](#).
- **November 2 - 4, 2016**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct a mandated and graded ingestion pathway exercise (IPX) at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant to evaluate the response capabilities of local and state agencies as required under California Health and Safety Code and federal law. The CDPH Nuclear Emergency Response Program will coordinate this exercise, with additional support from the CDPH Radiologic Health Branch. CDPH's primary role is to provide radiological technical support to local jurisdictions. A satisfactory performance by CDPH meets its regulatory requirements to support the county and the utility, and ensures the health and safety of the citizens of the state of California in the event of an emergency at the plant.

Center for Family Health

- **October 3 - 4, 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division is hosting the [Information & Education](#) (I&E) orientation at the CDPH training offices in Sacramento. The purpose is to provide an overview of I&E to the 14 newly funded I&E agencies implementing comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education programs for at-risk youth in their communities. Program coordinators and health educators are required to attend. In addition to providing networking opportunities, the training topics include presentations on classroom management strategies, Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT), data collection and I&E program requirements. To register, contact [Candice Gray](#).
- **October 4 - 5, 2016**, the CDPH, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division's [Black Infant Health](#) (BIH) Program staff will conduct training for BIH local health jurisdiction mental health professionals (MHP) and public health nurses (PHN) in Sacramento. This training will assist local MHPs and PHNs in applying strategies to increase BIH participant resiliency, managing vicarious trauma, enhancing leadership competency skills and professional development applicable to their role in BIH. For more information, contact [Robin Qualls](#).
- **October 25 - 26, 2016**, the CDPH, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division's [Black Infant Health](#) (BIH) Program staff will conduct a meeting in Sacramento for all BIH local health jurisdiction coordinators and program managers. The meeting will discuss an overview of BIH Program components, BIH Program expectations, strategies for developing a healthy workplace, assisting staff with managing vicarious trauma and the basics of reflective supervision. For more information, contact [Robin Qualls](#).

- **November - December, 2016**, the CDPH, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division's [Black Infant Health](#) (BIH) staff will conduct basic trainings for new staff. The trainings will provide an overview of the BIH Program components necessary to assist local health jurisdiction staff with providing services to BIH participants. The Southern California regional training takes place in Los Angeles November 8 - 10, followed by Northern California regional training in Oakland, December 6 - 8. For more information, contact [Robin Qualls](#).
- **November 15 - 16, 2016**, the CDPH, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division's [Black Infant Health](#) (BIH) staff will conduct a statewide meeting in San Francisco for all local health jurisdiction (LHJ) BIH staff. The meeting will include keynote speakers that will highlight topics relevant to BIH LHJ staff and participants, such as institutional racism, transgenerational and vicarious trauma, and the importance of self-care.

Center for Health Statistics and Informatics

- **October 27, 2016**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records will host a birth data quality meeting in Pasadena to address issues regarding birth-data collection. Regional perinatal program coordinators and the Department of Child Support Services' Paternity Opportunity Program will also make presentations.
- **November 3, 2016**, the CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics-Vital Records (CHSI-VR) will meet with county clerks, recorders and health departments at the quarterly Vision Group meeting in Sacramento. Representatives from the Department of Motor Vehicles, U.S. Passport Agency and Social Security Administration will participate on a panel to discuss issues that include the issuance and registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths and marriages. The Vision Group meeting is jointly sponsored by the County Recorder Association of California and CHSI-VR.

Center for Infectious Diseases

- **Fall 2016**, the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch and the California Prevention Training Center will cosponsor STD clinical updates in collaboration with [Orange County](#) (October 13), [San Diego County](#) (October 20), and [Monterey County](#) (November 4). Physicians with the STD Control Branch and additional local faculty will provide updates on STD issues in California for clinicians and health department staff. These half-day training events will cover current trends in STD rates, risk assessment, and national guidelines related to diagnosis and treatment.
- **October 2016**, the CDPH Office of Binational Border Health and the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, along with many partner organizations, will hold health activities during Binational Health Week (BHW) and Border Binational Health Month (BBHM). BHW/BBHM is one of the largest of its kind in the U.S.-Mexico border region to improve the health and well-being of the underserved Latino population living in the United States and México. During BHW/BBHM, federal, state and local government agencies, community-based organizations and thousands of volunteers come together to conduct free health promotion and health education activities including workshops, insurance referrals, vaccinations and medical screenings. For more information, visit the [BHW/BBHM schedule of activities website](#).

- **October 8, 2016**, CDPH Office of Binational Border Health, including the United States–México Border Health Commission and Vamos a Charlar Cancer Survivor Support Group will hold its Cancer Awareness and Fashion Show Extravaganza Event as part of Binational Health Week/Border Health Month in San Diego. There will be educational sessions regarding cancer prevention and related topics. There will information on how to access health care services in the community.
- **November 14 - 15, 2016**, the CDPH Office of AIDS, in collaboration with Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center and the San Francisco Department of Public Health, will convene a two-day workshop on implementing pre-exposure prophylaxis-related activities with representatives from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Project Pride Grant-funded project areas of Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Alameda and Riverside counties.
- **November 22, 2016**, representatives from the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch, Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention will convene a panel for the Annual Los Angeles Hepatitis C Summit. Panelists will include representatives from one or more sites funded to implement hepatitis C testing and linkage-to-care demonstration projects, which include Access Support Network of San Luis Obispo and Monterey, Butte County Department of Public Health, Family Health Centers of San Diego, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and St. John's Well Child & Family Center (Los Angeles). Sites will discuss lessons learned.
- **December 3 - 4, 2016**, the CDPH Office of AIDS (OA) staff will attend the National HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) Summit in San Francisco, convened by the National Minority AIDS Council, to discuss progress on the implementation and infrastructure needed to turn PrEP into an effective community-level HIV prevention option for communities of color. For more information, visit the [event website](#).

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Regulatory Actions

Center for Family Health

- **September - October 2016**, the CDPH Genetic Disease Screening Program (GDSP) has released two regulatory packages (DPH 16-15E and DPH 16-016E) which increase prenatal and newborn screening fees. The public notice and public hearing date for both fee increases have been set. The 45-day public comment period began on September 2, 2016 and the public hearing will be held on October 18, 2016 from 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM at the East End Complex, 1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento. For more information, please visit the [CDPH Office of Regulations website](#).

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- **October 1, 2016**, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch has been awarded a two-year federal grant to continue to operate a United States Environmental Protection Agency-authorized State Lead Program for federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2016-17 and 2017-18. Funding of \$526,534 has been approved for FFY 2016-17 and a similar amount is anticipated in FFY 2017-18. These funds support the Lead-Related Construction (LRC) Program, which certifies construction professionals who are trained in procedures for lead inspections, abatement and safe work practices in housing and public buildings; improve outreach to implement LRC accreditation of training providers who teach LRC courses; and increases use of trained LRC professionals in California.
- **October 1, 2016**, the CDPH Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch anticipates receiving approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Nutrition Services, through the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to begin a multi-year Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) State Plan. The State Plan covers Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-2019. This FFY will represent the first time California has been approved to submit a multi-year plan. Budgets, however, will still be approved annually by USDA and CDSS. The State Plan represents SNAP-Ed services provided by CDPH and the three other state implementing agencies (University of California CalFresh, California Department of Aging, and California Catholic Charities).
- **October 2016**, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will enter into a cooperative agreement with three local health departments (Solano, San Joaquin, and San Bernardino counties), the Fresno County Office of Education (Fresno County), and the Health Education Council (Sacramento County) to implement activities that support policies and practices to create a supportive nutrition environment, and to develop comprehensive school physical-activity programs. Activities will be conducted in two school districts within each county to assist students in improving their health and learn healthy habits which may help prevent them from developing chronic diseases during adulthood.
- **October 2016**, the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch will enter into a cooperative agreement with Humboldt County Health Department to implement a healthy food and beverage pilot project serving a select Native American community.
- **November 2016**, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Program to Promote Localized Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposures (APPLETREE) will publish a funding opportunity announcement for a cooperative agreement between ATSDR and departments of public health from U.S. states and tribes. CDPH has been a cooperative-agreement partner with ATSDR since the program's inception in 1989 and will prepare an application for the FY 2017-20 funding period. The APPLETREE program increases CDPH's capacity to respond to environmental health concerns in California communities and fulfills ATSDR's mandate to address public health concerns from hazardous waste sites, such as Superfund sites.

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- **Late Fall 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division's Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) will release a Request for Applications for three-year cooperative agreements beginning July 1, 2017. Local agencies that are awarded contracts will implement the AFLP Positive Youth Development case-management model to support expectant and parenting youth in their communities. For more information, visit the [AFLP website](#).

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- **October 2016**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will provide year six of a ten-year Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium award to the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch. The sixth year of funding will support "Strengthening Public Health Surveillance for Latent Tuberculosis Infection." Funding for year six is \$563,438 (10-year total award is \$4.8 million). The goals of this work are to describe and quantify the steps in the TB prevention cascade of care, use that information to identify the magnitude and location of gaps in the delivery and uptake of TB prevention services, and facilitate the development of instruments and processes that can be used by others to assess the TB prevention cascade of care in other settings. CDPH is the primary recipient of the federal funds, and coordinates the work done through sub-awards at clinic sites in San Diego and San Francisco counties.
- **November 21, 2016**, representatives from the CDPH Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch, Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention, will travel to St. John's Well Child & Family Center in South Los Angeles to conduct a site visit in support of St. John's implementation of a hepatitis C testing and linkages to care demonstration project. St. John's Well Child & Family Center was one of the funded sites through CDPH (Request for Applications #15-10749) focusing on hepatitis C testing and care coordination in a primary care, safety-net clinic setting.

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Reports

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- **October 2016**, the Safe and Active Communities Branch's Active Transportation Safety Program will distribute an Active Transportation Resource Center eNews Bulletin. The bulletin will go to more than 950 active transportation non-infrastructure practitioners and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects that receive funding from Caltrans' Active Transportation Program to conduct education and encouragement campaigns to promote safe walking and biking at the local, regional and state levels. This eNews issue will promote the Annual Walk to School Day, upcoming trainings and new resources and highlight local SRTS program successes.

- **October 2016**, the CDPH Epidemiology, Assessment and Program Development Branch within the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (MCAH) will post updated annual County Profiles on Adolescent Health in California. These reports, provided separately for each county, are designed to provide insight into the health and environment (community, home and school) of California adolescents. Data presented reflect common measures of adolescent sexual health, as well as broader life experiences related to social determinants of health and social disparities. These reports will be available on the CDPH [Adolescent Health Data and Statistics Web page](#).
- **October 2016**, the CDPH Epidemiology, Assessment and Program Development Branch within the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division will release an updated version of the California Adolescent Sexual Health Needs Index using 2014 data. This report uses data on a small geographic area (Medical Service Study to effectively target places and populations most in need of adolescent reproductive and sexual health services), and is being used to support MCAH program targeting efforts among adolescent populations. The report will be available on the CDPH [Adolescent Health Data and Statistics webpage](#).
- **October 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division anticipates the release of the 2013-2014 [Maternal and Infant Health Assessment \(MIHA\)](#) Surveillance products. MIHA is a population-based survey of women with recent live births in California that collects information about maternal experiences, attitudes and behaviors before, during and shortly after pregnancy. Topics include: women's health status, nutrition, perinatal depression, intimate partner violence, health insurance, infant sleep, and breastfeeding for the 35 California counties with the greatest number of births. Data shown will also include statewide estimates for subgroups of women based on maternal age, education, income, prenatal health insurance and race/ethnicity. Stakeholders can use these results to guide health policies and programs, monitor health outcomes and identify emerging issues for California women, infants and families.

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Speeches & Presentations

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- **October 25 - 27, 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) will present "Collaborating with Data Management Vendors to Keep up with Evolving Reporting Requirements" at the [2016 National Conference for America's Children](#) in Cincinnati, OH. Presented by Prevent Child Abuse America and Healthy Families America, this is the largest conference in the country focusing on home visiting, family support services and primary prevention strategies.

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- **October 18, 2016**, Dr. Duc Vugia, chief, CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch, will present an update on Zika virus at the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors (CAPHLD) Annual Conference in Lafayette. For more information, visit [CAPHLD website](#).
- **November 1, 2016**, Dr. Charsey Porse, vector epidemiologist, CDPH Infectious Diseases Branch, will present on Zika virus to local public health workers at the annual Under Surveillance Symposium of the California Emerging Infections Program (CEIP) in Oakland. For more information, visit the [CEIP website](#).
- **November 19, 2016**, Michael Foster, health disparities coordinator, CDPH Office of AIDS, will give a presentation to the Sacramento Region of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated (NCNW) on HIV/AIDS and African American/Blacks in California, with a focus on the Central Valley. Topics that will be addressed include population-specific prevalence rates, statewide funding, programs funded, and evidence-based strategies being implemented, with a focus on African Americans/Blacks. The NCNW strives to lead, develop and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. The NCNW fulfills its mission through research, advocacy, and national and community-based health, education, and economic empowerment services and programs in the United States and Africa. NCNW addresses local needs while impacting communities nationwide.

Office of Health Equity

- **October 7, 2016**, Jahmal Miller, deputy director, CDPH Office of Health Equity, will participate as a panelist at a speaker series event at Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. Mr. Miller will be one of several national, state, local and community leaders joining the conversation on youth mental health, equity, and access barriers and opportunities. Chet Hewitt, president and CEO, Sierra Health Foundation, will moderate the panel discussion to further the conversation on systemic disparities in mental health care and access. The event will be focused on health care rights, the impact of social determinants of health on our communities, and advocacy and policy surrounding equitable health for youth and families. The audience will include program partners, local elected officials and policy staff, community-based organizations and the public.
- **October 29, 2016**, Dr. Rocco Cheng, Ph.D., CDPH Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee Member and phase I project lead, California Reducing Disparities Project/Asian Pacific Islander (API) community, will present at the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo in Denver, CO. Dr. Cheng will highlight recommendations from the [API Strategic Planning Workgroup Population Report](#) and offer guidance on efforts to reduce mental health disparities for API communities.

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Recent Activities & Achievements

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- **August 24, 2016**, the CDPH Chronic Disease Control Branch hosted Part I of a three-part webinar series. Part I was entitled “Pharmacist Linking with Community Health Teams to Improve Medication Management.” This webinar was developed for California’s local health departments receiving 1305 and 1422 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding and other program stakeholders to provide an introduction to community medication management and the coordination between pharmacists and local health systems including home outreach. Lori Hall, PharmD, Commander, U.S. Public Health Service, Project Officer, Division of Diabetes Translation, Program Implementation Branch, CDC promoted this webinar to all other states receiving 1305 and 1422 funding from the CDC. The webinar had more than 160 attendees. The featured speakers included: Dr. Brian J. Isetts, RPH, PHD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy; Dr. Steven Chen, PharmD, associate professor and chair, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy; Sandy Atkins, MPA, vice president, Strategic Initiatives, Partners in Care Foundation; Howard Backer, MD, director, California Emergency Medical Services Authority, and Joan Cleary, executive director, Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance.

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- **August 8, 2016**, the CDPH Epidemiology, Assessment and Program Development Branch within the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, in collaboration with the CDPH Office of Public Affairs, released official state statistics for the 2014 adolescent birth rate, reporting the rate of births in California youth ages 19 and younger. The news release and related data report can be found on the CDPH [Adolescent Health Data and Statistics Web page](#).
- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH Center for Family Health has produced Zika education toolkits for provider offices and programs that serve women and families. Located on the [Zika page](#) of the CDPH website, the toolkits include handouts, posters, talking points and social media posts to advise the public on topics related to travel, pregnancy and sexual transmission of the Zika virus. The posters are in English and Spanish. For more information on Zika outreach tools or to obtain free printed materials, contact [Julie Rooney](#).
- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health’s (MCAH’s) California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) reintroduced the monthly e-blast, “CDPH/MCAH Home Visiting Connection.” The Connection is emailed to MCAH directors and CHVP coordinators and supervisors to share program-related news, upcoming webinars and trainings, and funding opportunities for local health jurisdictions and community partners. To subscribe, contact [Joyce Mansfield](#).
- **Summer 2016**, the CDPH California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) launched a new publication, “HomeStory,” which tells stories about the significant impact of home visiting on participants, families, public health staff and communities. To receive this e-story, which is

emailed to interested recipients and statewide home visiting sites approximately once a month, contact [Joyce Mansfield](#).

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- **June 1, 2016**, Lisa Pascopella, PhD, MPH, senior epidemiologist, CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch, became president of the national organization, the Society of Epidemiology in Tuberculosis Control, and Board Member of the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association.
- **October 3, 2016**, the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) began the process of being updated to a bigger, better and faster immunization information system, called CAIR2. All existing immunization data from the regional registries in California are being combined into one system, providing access to immunization information from across the state. The transition is divided into three phases. The first region began transitioning on October 3rd and the final region will begin transition on April 1, 2017.

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